

Marshfield and Plainfield Energy and Climate Change committee
Monthly meeting minutes, December 2th, 2019, 7:00pm
Upstairs library area

Committee members in attendance: Nick Seifert, Anne Miller, Amanda Carlson, Wes Cate

Members of the public in attendance: Bob Atchinson, Allen Banbury, Ed Hutchinson, Diana Batzel

Tentative agenda:

- Select a facilitator
 - Anne volunteered
- Public comment
 - None.
- Announcements
 - None.
- Approval of previous minutes
 - Motioned, seconded and approved.
- Business
 - Weatherization money available for the town
 - There may be monies available to the municipality via the RAMP program for energy efficiency/weatherization projects. If anyone is aware of existing projects with data to support saving money/fuel/carbon, etc, these should be brought to the attention of the selectboard.
 - Diana mentioned that Rich had some knowledge of this, and he should be checked with.
 - Diana mentioned that the stove used for community supper might need to be replaced. If there were money available for this, no one knows.
 - Anne mentioned that the food shelf is using 4-5 refrigerators/freezers right now at the OSC. possibly these could be replaced with more efficient units, or combined into a single walk-in unit.
 - Nick volunteered to touch base with the school board about this.
 - Nick also volunteered to talk with Becky about possible improvements to the water and wastewater facilities, and any improvements.
 - Workshops that Anne is planning
 - Anne hasn't totally decided on what this series will have, or who. But the topics will be around climate change, food crops, farming, etc. She may ask the energy committee to chip in money to pay for speaker fees.
 - Marshfield dam discussion (if needed)
 - Nick provided a summary of an email shared by Michael, but not a lot of news there.
 - Anne indicated that Michael informed her the emergency spillway has been resurfaced, so he was feeling better about that.
 - Model communities / RAMP program update
 - Nick gave a brief update on the Weatherization effort. Basically, there will be a big push in early 2020. The details of what/who/where/when will be worked out in the coming week or so. The next meeting is on 12/18 at 6:30pm at a location TBD.

- Diana gave a brief update on Twinfield. They are receiving ~\$115k to make a bunch of improvements, including LED lighting with sensors, door sweeps, possibly eave insulation, retrofitting/programming cooling controller systems, putting in more efficient appliances.
- Anne, Bob and Wes are on the RAMP Transportation committee. The group's two focus areas have been on getting word out on transportation options, as well as talking to GMT about synchronizing the busses better so their ridership can go up. Another project is the hitching post project, to improve commuter options. The last item is that there is now a US14 commuter running, so celebrating that. The next meeting is 12/12 at the OSC at 6:30pm.
- VECAN attendance/update/carpool
 - Amanda, Bob, and Ed are going. Possibly Rich as well, and Allen. They will coordinate independently on carpooling.
 - Energy Committee members will have the cost covered, talk to Bobbi about getting reimbursed.
- Plainfield update
 - Bob mentioned that the municipal building had an energy audit a couple years ago, but could use another walk-through to update the list of good projects. The school district is out of that building, and Bob is not aware of this being leased out to anyone new. There are some minor projects that could be done there. Mark Kelly would be interested/willing to do a walk through.
 - Bob spoke with someone about the town hall/opera house. He believes the cellulose was not applied correctly in the past, so some questions about that. There is a case to be made for replacing a couple windows, because they can also do dense-pack cellulose at the same time. The money saved from the insulation, as well as the windows, would be worth doing. There are some further improvements to be made regarding the heating of the opera house.
 - Bob has a meeting with the selectboard next week to present the budget for various improvements.
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